Report for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme

94. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources expressed its concern in the Eighth Report over sitting on the evaluation report of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme submitted to the Ministry in December, 2006;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons put forward by the Ministry for delay in taking action; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (b) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources in its 8th Report *inter alia* recommended to take urgent steps to process Reivew Report of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on AIBP. They desired to be informed of the progress made in this regard.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) decided to get the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) projects studied through 10 reputed organizations/consultants with a view to assess proer utilization of funds, management system, benefits accrued, bottlenecks in implementation and to suggest improvements for speedy completion of projects and early accurual of benefits to the people. The study was required to consider the data up to September, 2004. The MoSPI also appointed coordination consultant with the reponsibility to coordinate with all the consultants pertaining to different zones and to prepare a consolidated report.

The Final Report of July, 2007 was received in the Ministry of Water Resources for necessary action and was under consideration of the Ministry. The Ministry of Water Resources after examining the report has finalized its views on the conclusions contained in the report and the views of the Ministry has been communicated to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources on 04.02.2008. The recommendations contained in the report on which decision has been taken by the Ministry of Water Resources for implementation by the State Government, has been communicated to the Central Water Commission.

Dispute of water-sharing

95. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether with several hydro-power projects stuck due to disputes among States over water-sharing and related issues, the Ministry, plans to bring some rivers under Central